

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DRAFT MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT

DATE: September 8, 2006

In accordance with the state Clean Water Law, Chapter 644, RSMo, Clean Water Commission regulation 10 CSR 20-6.010, and the federal Clean Water Act, the applicants listed herein have applied for authorization to either discharge to waters of the state or to operate a no-discharge wastewater treatment facility. The proposed permits for these operations are consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent standards and/or treatment requirements or suitable timetables to meet these requirements (see 10 CSR 20-7.015 and 7.031). All permits will be issued for a period of five years, unless noted otherwise in the Public Notice for that discharge.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable standards and regulations, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to issue a permit(s) subject to certain effluent limitations, schedules, and special conditions. The proposed determinations are tentative pending public comment.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit conditions are invited to submit them in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, ATTN: NPDES Permits and Engineering Section / Permit Comments. **Please include the permit number in all comment letters.**

Comments should be confined to the issues relating to the proposed action and permit(s) and the effect on water quality. The MDNR may not consider as relevant comments or objections to a permit based on issues outside the authority of the Clean Water Commission, (see Curd v. Mo. Clean Water Commission, 586 S.W.2d 58 Mo. App. 1979).

All comments must be postmarked by October 8, 2006 or received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on October 11, 2006. The requirement of a signed document makes it impossible to accept email comments for consideration at this time. Comments will be considered in the formulation of all final determinations regarding the applications. If response to this notice indicates significant public interest, a public meeting or hearing may be held after due notice for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed permit or determination. Public hearings and/or issuance of the permit will be conducted or processed according to 10 CSR 20-6.020.

Copies of all draft permits and other information including copies of applicable regulations are available for inspection and copying at DNR's website, <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/index.html>, or at the Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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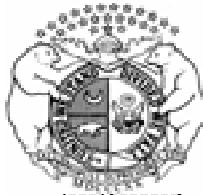
Permit Number: MO-0039675

Southeast Regional Office

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER
Houston Brushy Creek Sewage Treatment Plant 411 Florence Street, Houston, MO 65483	City of Houston 601 South Grand, Houston, MO 65483
RECEIVING STREAM & LEGAL DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF DISCHARGE
<b>Legal Description:</b> NW ¼, SW ¼, Sec. 5, T30N, R9W, Texas County <b>Latitude/Longitude:</b> +3719500/-9157146 <b>Receiving Stream:</b> Brushy Creek (P)	

STATE OF MISSOURI  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION



**MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT**

In compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, (Chapter 644 R.S. Mo. as amended, hereinafter, the Law), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Public Law 92-500, 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress) as amended,

Permit No. **MO-0039675**

Owner: City of Houston  
Address: 601 South Grand, Houston, MO 65483

Continuing Authority: Same as above  
Address: Same as above

Facility Name: Houston Brushy Creek Sewage Treatment Plant  
Address: 411 Florence Street, Houston, MO 65483

Legal Description: NW ¼, SW ¼, Sec. 5, T30N, R9W, Texas County  
Latitude/Longitude: +3719500/-9157146

Receiving Stream: Brushy Creek (P)  
First Classified Stream and ID: Brushy Creek (P) (1592) 303(d)  
USGS Basin & Sub-watershed No.: (10290202-020001)

is authorized to discharge from the facility described herein, in accordance with the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements as set forth herein:

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

Outfall #001 – POTW – SIC #4952

Trickling filter/aerobic digester/chlorination/sludge is land applied.

Design population equivalent is 4,000.

Design flow is 400,000 gallons per day.

Actual flow is 300,000 gallons per day.

Design sludge production is 112 dry tons/year.

This permit authorizes only wastewater discharges under the Missouri Clean Water Law and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; it does not apply to other regulated areas. This permit may be appealed in accordance with Section 644.051.6 of the Law.

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Effective Date

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Doyle Childers, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Secretary, Clean Water Commission

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Expiration Date  
MO 780-0041 (10-93)

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Edward Galbraith, Director of Staff, Clean Water Commission

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION (continued)**

Outfall S1 – Instream Monitoring Point

In Brushy Creek, 100 yards upstream from Outfall #001.

Receiving Stream: Brushy Creek (P)  
First Classified Stream and ID: Brushy Creek (P) (1592) 303(d)  
Latitude/Longitude: +3721447/-09157146

Outfall S2 – Instream Monitoring Point

In Brushy Creek, ¼ mile downstream from outfall 001

Receiving Stream: Brushy Creek (P)  
First Classified Stream and ID: Brushy Creek (P) (1592) 303(d)  
Latitude/Longitude: +3719583/-09157246

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<b>A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</b>					PAGE NUMBER 3 of 10	
					PERMIT NUMBER MO-0039675	
The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The interim effluent limitations shall become effective upon issuance and remain in effect until three (3) years from the date of issuance of this permit. Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:						
OUTFALL NUMBER AND EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	INTERIM EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
<u>Outfall #001</u> Flow	MGD	*		*	once/month	24 hr. estimate
Biochemical Oxygen Demand <sub>5</sub> **	mg/L		60	40	once/month	24 hr. composite
Total Suspended Solids**	mg/L		60	40	once/month	24 hr. composite
pH - Units	SN	***		***	once/month	grab
Fecal Coliform (Note 1)	#/100ml	1,000		400	once/month	grab
Total Residual Chlorine (Note 2)	µg/L	19		10	once/month	grab
Temperature	°F	*		*	once/month	grab
Ammonia as Nitrogen	mg/L	*		*	once/month	grab
Oil & Grease	mg/L	*		*	once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED _____; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE _____. THERE SHALL BE NO DISCHARGE OF FLOATING SOLIDS OR VISIBLE FOAM IN OTHER THAN TRACE AMOUNTS.						
<u>Outfall #001</u> Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) test	% Survival	See Special Conditions			once/year	24 hr. composite
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED _____; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE _____.						
<u>Outfall #S1 &amp; S2</u>						
pH – Units	SU	*			once/month	grab
Temperature	°F	*			once/month	grab
Ammonia as N	mg/L	*			once/month	grab
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	*			once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED <u>ANNUALLY</u> ; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE _____. THERE SHALL BE NO DISCHARGE OF FLOATING SOLIDS OR VISIBLE FOAM IN OTHER THAN TRACE AMOUNTS.						
<b>B. STANDARD CONDITIONS</b>						
IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIED CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN, THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED <u>Parts I &amp; III</u> STANDARD CONDITIONS DATED <u>October 1, 1980 and August 15, 1994</u> , AND HEREBY INCORPORATED AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.						

					PAGE NUMBER 4 of 10	
<b>A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</b>					PERMIT NUMBER MO-0039675	
The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The final effluent limitations shall become effective three (3) years from the date of issuance of this permit and remain in effect until expiration of the permit. Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:						
OUTFALL NUMBER AND EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
<u>Outfall #001</u>						
Flow	MGD	*		*	once/month	24 hr. estimate
Biochemical Oxygen Demand <sub>5</sub> **	mg/L		18	11.5	once/month	24 hr. composite
Total Suspended Solids**	mg/L		18	11.5	once/month	24 hr. composite
pH - Units	SU	***		***	once/month	grab
Fecal Coliform (Note 1)	#/100mL	1,000		400	once/month	grab
Total Residual Chlorine (Note 2)	mg/L	19		10	once/month	grab
Temperature	°F	*		*	once/month	grab
Ammonia as Nitrogen (May 1 – Oct 31)	mg/L	3.1		1.6	once/month	grab
(Sept 1 – April 30)		4.0		2.0		
Oil & Grease	mg/L	15		10	once/month	grab
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<u>Outfall #001</u>						
Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) test	% Survival	See Special Conditions			once/year	24 hr. composite
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED _____; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE _____.						
<u>Outfall #S1 &amp; S2</u>						
pH – Units	SU	*			once/month	grab
Temperature	°F	*			once/month	grab
Ammonia as N	mg/L	*			once/month	grab
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	*			once/month	grab
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MO 780-0010 (8/91)

**A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (continued)**

- \* Monitoring requirement only.
- \*\* This facility is required to meet a removal efficiency of 85% or more.
- \*\*\* pH is measured in pH units and is not to be averaged. The pH is limited to the range of 6.0-9.0 pH units.

Note 1 – Final limitations and monitoring requirements for Fecal Coliform are applicable only during the recreational season from April 1 through October 31.

Note 2 – This permit contains a Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) limit.

- (a) This effluent limit is below the minimum quantification level (ML) of the most common and practical EPA approved CLTRC methods. The department has determined the current acceptable ML for total residual chlorine to be 0.13 mg/L when using the DPD Colorimetric Method #4500 – CL G. from Standard Methods for the Examination of Waters and Wastewater. The permittee will conduct analyses in accordance with this method, or equivalent, and report actual analytical values. Measured values greater than or equal to the minimum quantification level of 0.13 mg/L will be considered violations of the permit and values less than the minimum quantification level of 0.13 mg/L will be considered to be in compliance with the permit limitation. The minimum quantification level does not authorize the discharge of chlorine in excess of the effluent limits stated in the permit.
- (b) Disinfection is required year-round unless the permit specifically states that “Final limitations and monitoring requirements for Fecal Coliform are applicable only during the recreational season from April 1 through October 31.” If your permit does not require disinfection during the non-recreational months, do not chlorinate in those months.
- (c) Do not chemically dechlorinate **if it is not needed to meet the limits in your permit.**
- (d) If no chlorine was used in a given sampling period, an actual analysis is not necessary. Simply report as “0 mg/L” TRC.

### C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. This permit may be reopened and modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to:
  - (a) Comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a) (2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved:
    - (1) contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or
    - (2) controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.
  - (b) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions, if the result of a waste load allocation study, toxicity test or other information indicates changes are necessary to assure compliance with Missouri’s Water Quality Standards.
  - (c) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions if, as the result of a watershed analysis, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limitation is developed for the receiving waters which are currently included in Missouri’s list of waters of the state not fully achieving the state’s water quality standards, also called the 303(d) list.The permit as modified or reissued under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Clean Water Act then applicable.
2. All outfalls must be clearly marked in the field.
3. Permittee will cease discharge by connection to areawide wastewater treatment system within 90 days of notice of its availability.
4. Changes in Discharges of Toxic Substances

The permittee shall notify the Director as soon as it knows or has reason to believe:

  - (a) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels:"
    - (1) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 µg/L);
    - (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 µg/L) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L) for 2,5 dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4, 6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
    - (3) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for the pollutant in the permit application;
    - (4) The level established in Part A of the permit by the Director.
  - (b) That they have begun or expect to begin to use or manufacture as an intermediate or final product or byproduct any toxic pollutant, which was not reported in the permit application.
  - (c) That the effluent limit established in part A of the permit will be exceeded.
5. Report as no-discharge when a discharge does not occur during the report period.

C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

6. Water Quality Standards

- (a) Discharges to waters of the state shall not cause a violation of water quality standards rule under 10 CSR 20-7.031, including both specific and general criteria.
- (b) General Criteria. The following general water quality criteria shall be applicable to all waters of the state at all times including mixing zones. No water contaminant, by itself or in combination with other substances, shall prevent the waters of the state from meeting the following conditions:
  - (1) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause the formation of putrescent, unsightly or harmful bottom deposits or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
  - (2) Waters shall be free from oil, scum and floating debris in sufficient amounts to be unsightly or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
  - (3) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause unsightly color or turbidity, offensive odor or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
  - (4) Waters shall be free from substances or conditions in sufficient amounts to result in toxicity to human, animal or aquatic life;
  - (5) There shall be no significant human health hazard from incidental contact with the water;
  - (6) There shall be no acute toxicity to livestock or wildlife watering;
  - (7) Waters shall be free from physical, chemical or hydrologic changes that would impair the natural biological community;
  - (8) Waters shall be free from used tires, car bodies, appliances, demolition debris, used vehicles or equipment and solid waste as defined in Missouri's Solid Waste Law, section 260.200, RSMo, except as the use of such materials is specifically permitted pursuant to section 260.200-260.247.

7. Sludge and Biosolids Use For Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities

- (a) Permittee shall comply with the pollutant limitations, monitoring, reporting, and other requirements in accordance with the attached permit Standard Conditions.
- (b) If sludge is not removed by a contract hauler, permittee is authorized to land apply biosolids. Permit Standard Conditions, Part III shall apply to the land application of biosolids. The department may require submittal of a biosolids management plan for department review and approval as determined appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

8. The permittee shall submit a report semi-annually in April and October with the Discharge and Monitoring reports which address measures taken to locate and eliminate sources of infiltration and inflow into the City's collection system.

9. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests shall be conducted as follows:

SUMMARY OF WET TESTING FOR THIS PERMIT				
OUTFALL	A.E.C. %	FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE	MONTH
001	100	once/year	24 hr. composite	August

(a) Test Schedule and Follow-Up Requirements

- (1) Perform a SINGLE-dilution test in the months and at the frequency specified above. For tests which are successfully passed, submit test results USING THE DEPARTMENT'S WET TEST REPORT FORM #MO-780-1899 along with complete copies of the test reports as received from the laboratory, including copies of chain-of-custody forms within 30 calendar days of availability to the WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. If the effluent passes the test, do not repeat the test until the next test period.
  - (a) For discharges of stormwater, samples shall be collected within three hours from when discharge first occurs.
  - (b) Samples submitted for analysis of stormwater discharges shall be collected as a grab.
  - (c) For discharges of non-stormwater, samples shall be collected only when precipitation has not occurred for a period of forty-eight hours prior to sample collection. In no event shall sample collection occur simultaneously with the occurrence of precipitation excepting for stormwater samples.
  - (d) A twenty-four hour composite sample shall be submitted for analysis of non-stormwater discharges.
  - (e) Upstream receiving water samples, where required, shall be collected upstream from any influence of the effluent where downstream flow is clearly evident.



C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

9. Whole Effluent Toxicity tests (continued):

- (f) Samples submitted for analysis of upstream receiving water may be collected as either a grab or twenty-four-hour composite as appropriate to the nature of the discharge.
  - (g) Chemical and physical analysis of the upstream control and effluent sample shall occur immediately upon being received by the laboratory, prior to any manipulation of the effluent sample beyond preservation methods consistent with federal guidelines for WET testing that are required to stabilize the sample during shipping.
  - (h) Any and all chemical or physical analysis of the effluent sample performed in conjunction with the WET test shall be performed at the 100% Effluent concentration in addition to analyses performed upon any other effluent concentration.
  - (i) All chemical analyses included in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources WET test report form #MO-780-1899 shall be performed and results shall be recorded in the appropriate field of the report form.
  - (j) Where flow-weighted composite sample is required for analysis, the samples shall be composited at the laboratory where the test is to be performed.
  - (k) Where in stream testing is required downstream from the discharge, sample collection shall occur immediately below the established Zone of Initial Dilution in conjunction with or immediately following a release or discharge.
  - (l) Samples submitted for analysis of downstream receiving water may be collected as either a grab or twenty-four-hour composite as appropriate to the nature of the discharge.
  - (m) All instream samples, including downstream samples, shall be tested for toxicity at the 100% concentration in addition to any other assigned AEC for in-stream samples.
- (2) All failing test results along with complete copies of the test reports as received from the laboratory, INCLUDING THOSE TESTS CONDUCTED UNDER CONDITION (3) BELOW, shall be reported to the WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 within 14 calendar days of the availability of the results.
  - (3) If the effluent fails the test, a multiple dilution test shall be performed within 30 calendar days and biweekly thereafter, until one of the following conditions are met:
    - (a) THREE CONSECUTIVE MULTIPLE-DILUTION TESTS PASS. No further tests need to be performed until next regularly scheduled test period.
    - (b) A TOTAL OF THREE MULTIPLE-DILUTION TESTS FAIL.
  - (4) Failure of at least two multiple-dilution tests during any period of accelerated monitoring violates the permit narrative requirement for aquatic life protection.
  - (5) The permittee shall submit a concise summary of all test results for the test series to the WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 within 14 calendar days of the third failed test.
  - (6) Additionally, the following shall apply upon failure of the third MULTIPLE DILUTION test: A toxicity identification evaluation (TIE) or toxicity reduction evaluation (TRE) is automatically triggered. The permittee shall contact THE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM within 14 calendar days from availability of the test results to ascertain as to whether a TIE or TRE is appropriate. The permittee shall submit a plan for conducting a TIE or TRE to the WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM within 60 calendar days of the date of DNR's direction to perform either a TIE or TRE. This plan must be approved by DNR before the TIE or TRE is begun. A schedule for completing the TIE or TRE shall be established in the plan approval.
  - (7) Upon DNR's approval, the TIE/TRE schedule may be modified if toxicity is intermittent during the TIE/TRE investigations. A revised WET test schedule may be established by DNR for this period.
  - (8) If a previously completed TIE has clearly identified the cause of toxicity, additional TIEs will not be required as long as effluent characteristics remain essentially unchanged and the permittee is proceeding according to a DNR approved schedule to complete a TRE and reduce toxicity. Regularly scheduled WET testing as required in the permit, without the follow-up requirements, will be required during this period.
  - (9) When WET test sampling is required to run over one DMR period, each DMR report shall contain a copy of the Department's WET test report form that was generated during the reporting period.
  - (10) Submit a concise summary in tabular format of all test results with the annual report.

C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

9. Whole Effluent Toxicity tests (continued):

(b) PASS/FAIL procedure and effluent limitations:

- (1) To pass a single-dilution test, mortality observed in the AEC test concentration shall not be significantly different (at the 95% confidence level;  $p = 0.05$ ) than that observed in the upstream receiving-water control sample. Where upstream receiving water is not available mortality observed in the AEC test concentration shall not be significantly different (at the 95% confidence level;  $p = 0.05$ ) than that observed in the laboratory control. The appropriate statistical tests of significance shall be consistent with the most current edition of METHODS FOR MEASURING THE ACUTE TOXICITY OF EFFLUENTS AND RECEIVING WATERS TO FRESHWATER AND MARINE ORGANISMS or other Federal guidelines as appropriate or required.
- (2) To pass a multiple-dilution test:
  - (a) For facilities with a computed percent effluent at the edge of the zone of initial dilution, Allowable Effluent Concentration (AEC), OF 30% OR LESS THE AEC must be less than three-tenths (0.3) of the  $LC_{50}$  concentration for the most sensitive of the test organisms; **OR**,
  - (b) For facilities with an AEC greater than 30% the  $LC_{50}$  concentration must be greater than 100%; **AND**,
  - (c) all effluent concentrations equal to or less than the AEC must be nontoxic. Mortality observed in all effluent concentrations equal to or less than the AEC shall not be significantly different (at the 95% confidence level;  $p = 0.05$ ) than that observed in the upstream receiving-water control sample. Where upstream receiving water is not available mortality observed in the AEC test concentration shall not be significantly different (at the 95% confidence level;  $p = 0.05$ ) than that observed in the laboratory control. The appropriate statistical tests of significance shall be consistent with the most current edition of METHODS FOR MEASURING THE ACUTE TOXICITY OF EFFLUENTS AND RECEIVING WATERS TO FRESHWATER AND MARINE ORGANISMS or other federal guidelines as appropriate or required. Failure of one multiple-dilution test may be considered an effluent limit violation.

(c) Test Conditions

- (1) Test Type: Acute Static non-renewal
- (2) Test species: Ceriodaphnia dubia and Pimephales promelas (fathead minnow). Organisms used in WET testing shall come from cultures reared for the purpose of conducting toxicity tests and cultured in a manner consistent with the most current USEPA guidelines. All test animals shall be cultured as described in the most current edition of METHODS FOR MEASURING THE ACUTE TOXICITY OF EFFLUENTS AND RECEIVING WATERS TO FRESHWATER AND MARINE ORGANISMS.
- (3) Test period: 48 hours at the "Acceptable Effluent Concentration" (AEC) specified above.
- (4) When dilutions are required, upstream receiving stream water shall be used as dilution water. If upstream water is unavailable or if mortality in the upstream water exceeds 10%, "reconstituted" water will be used as dilution water. Procedures for generating reconstituted water will be supplied by the MDNR upon request.
- (5) Single-dilution tests will be run with:
  - (a) Effluent at the AEC concentration;
  - (b) 100% receiving-stream water (if available), collected upstream of the outfall at a point beyond any influence of the effluent; and
  - (c) reconstituted water.
- (6) Multiple-dilution tests will be run with:
  - (a) 100%, 50%, 25%, 12.5%, and 6.25% effluent, unless the AEC is less than 25% effluent, in which case dilutions will be 4 times the AEC, two times the AEC, AEC, 1/2 AEC and 1/4 AEC;
  - (b) 100% receiving-stream water (if available), collected upstream of the outfall at a point beyond any influence of the effluent; and
  - (c) reconstituted water.
- (7) If reconstituted-water control mortality for a test species exceeds 10%, the entire test will be rerun.
- (8) If upstream control mortality exceeds 10%, the entire test will be rerun using reconstituted water as the dilutant.

D. RECEIVING WATER MONITORING CONDITIONS

1. Downstream samples should be taken immediately (10 yards or less) below the established mixing zone of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. In the event that a safe, accessible location is not present at this location, a suitable location can be negotiated with the department. Samples should be taken at least four feet from the bank or from the middle of the stream (whichever is less) and 6-inches below the surface. The upstream receiving water sample should be collected at a point upstream from any influence of the effluent, where the water is visibly flowing down stream.
2. When conducting in-stream monitoring, the permittee shall record observations that include: the time of day, weather conditions, unusual stream/lake characteristics (e.g., septic conditions, algae growth, etc.), the stream segment (e.g., riffle, pool or run) or the lake depth from where the sample was collected. These observations shall be submitted with the sample results.
3. Samples shall not be collected from areas with especially turbulent flow, still water or from the stream bank, unless these conditions are representative of the stream reach or no other areas are available for sample collection. Sampling should not be made when significant precipitation has occurred recently. The sampling event should be terminated and rescheduled if any of the following conditions occur:
  - If turbidity in the stream increases notably; or
  - If rainfall over the past two weeks exceeds 2.5 inches or exceeds 1 inch in the last 24 hours
4. Always use the correct sampling technique and handling procedure specified for the parameter of interest. Please refer to the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater for further discussion of proper sampling techniques. All analyses must be conducted in accordance with an approved EPA method. Meters shall be calibrated immediately (within 1 hour) prior to the sampling event.
5. To obtain accurate measurements, D.O., temperature and pH analyses should be performed on-site in the receiving stream where possible. However, due to high flow conditions, access, etc., it may be necessary to collect a sample in a bucket or other container. When this is necessary, care must be taken not to aerate the sample upon collection. If for any reason samples must be collected from an alternate site from the one listed in the permit, the permittee shall report the location with the sample results.
6. Dissolved oxygen measurements are to be taken during the period from one hour prior to sunrise to one and one-half hour after sunrise.
7. Please contact the department if you need additional instructions or assistance.

## SUMMARY OF TEST METHODOLOGY FOR WHOLE-EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTS

Whole-effluent-toxicity test required in NPDES permits shall use the following test conditions when performing single or multiple dilution methods. Any future changes in methodology will be supplied to the permittee by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Unless more stringent methods are specified by the DNR, the procedures shall be consistent with the most current edition of Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms.

### Test conditions for Ceriodaphnia dubia:

Test duration:	48 h
Temperature:	25 ± 1°C Temperatures shall not deviate by more than 3°C during the test.
Light Quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 h light, 8 h dark
Size of test vessel:	30 mL (minimum)
Volume of test solution:	15 mL (minimum)
Age of test organisms:	<24 h old
No. of animals/test vessel:	5
No. of replicates/concentration:	4
No. of organisms/concentration:	20 (minimum)
Feeding regime:	None (feed prior to test)
Aeration:	None
Dilution water:	Upstream receiving water; if no upstream flow, synthetic water modified to reflect effluent hardness.
Endpoint:	Pass/Fail (Statistically significant Mortality when compared to upstream receiving water control or synthetic control if upstream water was not available at $p \leq 0.05$ )
Test acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls

### Test conditions for Pimephales promelas:

Test duration:	48 h
Temperature:	25 ± 1°C Temperatures shall not deviate by more than 3°C during the test.
Light Quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 h light/ 8 h dark
Size of test vessel:	250 mL (minimum)
Volume of test solution:	200 mL (minimum)
Age of test organisms:	1-14 days (all same age)
No. of animals/test vessel:	10
No. of replicates/concentration:	4 (minimum) single dilution method 2 (minimum) multiple dilution method
No. of organisms/concentration:	40 (minimum) single dilution method 20 (minimum) multiple dilution method
Feeding regime:	None (feed prior to test)
Aeration:	None, unless DO concentration falls below 4.0 mg/L; rate should not exceed 100 bubbles/min.
Dilution water:	Upstream receiving water; if no upstream flow, synthetic water modified to reflect effluent hardness.
Endpoint:	Pass/Fail (Statistically significant Mortality when compared to upstream receiving water control or synthetic control if upstream water was not available at $p \leq 0.05$ )
Test Acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT  
FACT SHEET

This Fact Sheet explains the applicable regulations, rationale for development of this permit and the public participation process.

NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: MO-0039675

FACILITY NAME: Houston Brushy Creek Treatment Plant

OWNER NAME: City of Houston

LOCATION: NW ¼, SW ¼, Sec. 5, T30N, R9W, Texas County

RECEIVING STREAM: Brushy Creek

FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE

The wastewater treatment facility is composed of a trickling filter with an aerobic digester, chlorination/dechlorination, sludge is land applied.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("Clean Water Act" Section 402 Public Law 92-500 as amended) established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. This program regulates the discharge of pollutants from point sources into the waters of the United States, and the release of storm water from certain point sources. All such discharges are unlawful without a permit (Section 301 of the "Clean Water Act"). After a permit is obtained, a discharge not in compliance with all permit terms and conditions is unlawful. Permits in Missouri are issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources under an approved program, operating in accordance with federal and state laws (Federal "Clean Water Act" and "Missouri Clean Water Law" Section 644 as amended).

10 CSR 20-7.031 Missouri Water Quality Standards, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (the Department) "defines the Clean Water Commission water quality objectives in terms of water uses to be maintained and the criteria to protect those uses." The receiving stream's beneficial water uses to be maintained are livestock and wildlife watering, and protection of aquatic life.

To protect these beneficial uses and the water quality of the receiving stream, effluent limitations have been established under federal and state laws. See the attached Water Quality Review Sheet for effluent limit rationales.

This permit will be issued for a period of five years.



Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Water Protection Program  
Water Pollution Control Branch  
NPDES Permits and Engineering Section

## Water Quality Review Sheet

### *Determination of Effluent Limits*

### Facility Information

FACILITY NAME: Houston Brushy Creek Treatment Plant NPDES #: MO-0039675

FACILITY TYPE/DESCRIPTION: Trickling filter

ECOREGION: Ozark Highlands 8-DIGIT HUC: 10290202 COUNTY: Texas

Central Irregular Plains Interior River Valleys and Hills Ozark Highlands  
Mississippi Alluvial & Loess Plains Western Corn Belt Plains

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 5, T30N, R9W LATITUDE/LONGITUDE: +3719500/-9157146

WATER QUALITY HISTORY: This facility is the sole source of pollution, which puts Brushy Creek on the 303(d) list for BOD & VSS.

### Outfall Characteristics

OUTFALL	DESIGN FLOW (CFS)	TREATMENT TYPE	RECEIVING WATERBODY	WBID
001	0.62	Secondary	Brushy Creek	1592

### Receiving Waterbody Information

WATERBODY	CLASS	7Q10 (CFS)	*DESIGNATED USES
Brushy Creek	P	0.1	LWW, AQL

\*Cool Water Fishery (CLF), Cold Water Fishery (CDF), Irrigation (IRR), Industrial (IND), Boating & Canoeing (BTG), Drinking Water Supply (DWS), Whole Body Contact Recreation (WBC), Protection of Warm water Aquatic Life and Human Health (AQL), Livestock & Wildlife Watering (LWW)

COMMENTS: Limits are based on the WLAs and effluent limits in the TMDL for Brushy Creek.

### Mixing Considerations

**Mixing Zone (MZ).** One-quarter (1/4) of the stream volume of flow; length one-quarter (1/4) mile. [10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(A)5.B.(II)(a)]

**Zone of Initial Dilution (ZID).** One-tenth (0.1) of the mixing zone volume of flow. [10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(A)5.B.(II)(b)].

## Permit Limits and Information

TMDL WATERSHED: ☒ (Y OR N) W.L.A. STUDY CONDUCTED: ☒ (Y OR N) DISINFECTION REQUIRED: ☒ (Y OR N) USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSIS: ☒ (Y OR N)

\*DISINFECTION NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED IN THE RULE, BUT WILL BE ON 12-31-05. FUTURE RENEWALS WILL REQUIRE FECAL LIMITS.

### OUTFALL# 001

WET TEST (Y OR N): ☒ FREQUENCY: ONCE/YEAR A.E.C. 100% LIMIT: 10 CSR 20-7. 031(3)(I)

$$\text{A.E.C. \%} = \left( \frac{\text{Design Flow} + \text{Zone of Initial Dilution}}{\text{Design Flow}} \right)^{-1} \times 100$$

PARAMETER	DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MONITORING FREQUENCY
FLOW	MONITOR			once/day
BOD <sub>5</sub> (MG/L)	18		11.5	once/month
TSS (MG/L)	18		11.5	once/month
PH (S.U.)	6-9		6-9	once/month
AMMONIA AS N (MG/L) (MAY 1 – OCT 31)	3.1		1.6	once/month
AMMONIA AS N (MG/L) (NOV 1 – APRIL 30)	4.0		2.0	once/month
OIL & GREASE (MG/L)	15		10	once/month
FECAL COLIFORM (COLONIES/100 mL)	1000		400	once/month
TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE (MG/L)	0.019		0.010	once/month

Please report the date, time, and location for each parameter sampled along with the average daily flow (actual flow measured or estimated, not design flow). All the parameters should be sampled on the same day and within no more than a 2-hour period. Dissolved oxygen (DO) measurements are to be taken during the period from one hour prior to sunrise to one and one-half hour after sunrise. If discharge is contingent to storm events, rainfall should be measured every time there is a discharge.

## Derivation and Discussion of Limits

Wasteload allocations (WLA) were calculated using water quality criteria and the dilution equation below:

$$C = \frac{(C_s * Q_s) + (C_e * Q_e)}{(Q_e + Q_s)} \quad (\text{EPA/505/2-90-001, Section 4.5.5})$$

Where C = downstream concentration

C<sub>s</sub> = upstream concentration

Q<sub>s</sub> = upstream flow (cfs)

C<sub>e</sub> = effluent concentration

Q<sub>e</sub> = effluent flow (cfs)

Chronic wasteload allocations were determined using applicable chronic water quality criteria (CCC: criteria continuous concentration) and stream volume of flow at the edge of the mixing zone (MZ). Acute wasteload allocations were determined using applicable acute water quality criteria (CMC: criteria maximum concentration) and stream volume of flow.

Water quality based maximum daily and average monthly effluent limitations were calculated using methods and procedures outlined in USEPA's "Technical Support Document For Water Quality-based Toxics Control" (EPA/505/2-90-001).

### **Outfall 001**

- **Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS)** A wasteload allocation (WLA) study for the Houston Brushy Creek WWTP was conducted by the Water Quality Monitoring & Assessment (WQMA) Section of the Water Protection Program. Data from this study was used to construct and calibrate a QUAL2E water quality model that was used to determine wasteload allocations for BOD, TSS and Ammonia as Nitrogen that would be protective of water quality standards in Brushy Creek. The outputs of the model are available on request.

Results from the water quality model indicate a BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS Maximum Daily Limit of 18.0 mg/L and Average Monthly Limit of 11.5 mg/L are expected to be protective of water quality.

- **pH**. pH shall be maintained in the range from six to nine (6 – 9) standard units [10 CSR 20-7.015(8)(B)2.].
- **Ammonia as Nitrogen**. Results from the water quality model indicate seasonal Ammonia as N WLAs of 1.9 mg/L (May 1 – Oct 31) and 2.4 mg/L (Nov 1 – April 30) are expected to prevent excursions above applicable criteria.

#### Summer

WLA = 1.9 mg/L

LTA = 1.9(0.527)=1.0

[CV = 0.6, 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile]

MDL = 1.0(3.11)=3.1

[CV = 0.6, 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile]

AML = 1.0(1.55)=1.6

[CV = 0.6, 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile, n = 4]

#### Winter

WLA = 2.4 mg/L

LTA = 2.4(0.527)=1.3

[CV = 0.6, 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile]

MDL = 1.3(3.11)=4.0

[CV = 0.6, 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile]

AML = 1.3(1.55)=2.0

[CV = 0.6, 95<sup>th</sup> Percentile, n = 4]

Season	Maximum Daily Limit (mg/L)	Average Monthly Limit (mg/L)
Summer	3.1	1.6
Winter	4.0	2.0

- **Oil & Grease**. Conventional pollutant, effluent limitation for protection of aquatic life; 10 mg/L monthly average, 15 mg/L daily maximum.
- **Fecal Coliform**. Fecal coliform limits are not currently required, but effective 12-31-05 all classified streams will be classified for Whole Body Contact recreation. Therefore current disinfection processes will continue. During the recreational season (April 1 – October 31), limits of 400 colonies/100 mL monthly average, 1000 colonies/100 mL daily maximum [10 CSR 20-7.015(8)(B)4.A.]



- **Total Residual Chlorine** Warm water acute criteria = 19 g/L, warm water chronic criteria = 10 g/L [10 CSR 20-7.031, Table A]. Background = 0.0 mg/L.

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Monitoring and effluent limits contained within this document have been developed in accordance with EPA guidelines using the best available data and are believed to be consistent with Missouri's Water Quality Standards and Effluent Regulations. If additional water quality data are available that may affect the recommended monitoring and effluent limits, please forward these data and information to the author.